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INTRODUCTION.

*To Parents, and all that are concerned in the
Education of Children.*

VERSE was first designed for the praising of God, though it has been wretchedly abused since. The ancients, among the Jews and the Heathens, taught their children and disciples the precepts of morality and worship, in verse. The children of Israel were commanded to learn the words of the song of Moses, *Deut. xxxi. 19. 30.* and we are directed in the New Testament, not only to sing *with grace in the heart*, but to *teach and admonish one another by hymns and songs.*—*Ephes. v. 19.* And there are these three advantages in it :

I. There is a great delight in the very learning of truths and duties this way. There is something so amusing and entertaining in rhymes and metre, that will incline children to make this part of their business a diversion. And you may turn their very duty into a reward, by giving them the privilege of learning a few verses every week, if they fulfil the business of the week well, and, after a time, promising them the book itself.

II. What is learnt in verse, is longer retained in memory, and sooner recollected. The like sound, and like number of syllables, exceedingly assist the remembrance. And it may often happen, that part of a verse running in the mind, may be an effectual means

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to keep off some temptation or to incline to some duty, when a word of scripture is not upon their thoughts.

III. This will be a constant furniture for the minds of children, that they may have something to think when alone; and to repeat to themselves. This may sometimes give their thoughts a divine turn, and raise a serious meditation. Thus they will not be forced to seek relief for an emptiness of mind out of the loose and dangerous sonnets of the age.

The greatest part of this little book was composed several years ago, at the request of a friend, who has been long engaged in the work of teaching a great number of children of all kinds, and with abundant skill and success. So that you will find here, nothing that savours of a party. And as I have endeavoured to sink the language to the level of a child's understanding, and yet to keep it, if possible, above contempt; so I have designed to profit all, if possible and offend none. I hope the more general the sense is, these composures may be of the more universal use and service.

I. WATTS.

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DIVINE SONGS.

1. *A general song of Praise to God.*

- 1 HOW glorious is our heavenly king
Who reigns above the sky !
How shall a child presume to sing
His dreadful majesty ?
- 2 How great his pow'r is, none can tell,
Nor think how large his grace ;
Not men below, nor saints that dwell
On high before his face.
- 3 Not angels that stand round the Lord
Can search his secret will ;
But they perform his heav'nly word,
And sing his praises still.
- 4 Then let me join this holy train,
And my first off'ring bring ;
Th' eternal God will not disdain
To hear an infant sing.
- 5 My heart resolves, my tongue obeys,
And angels shall rejoice,
To hear their mighty Maker's praise
Sound from a feeble voice.

2. *Praise for Creation and Providence.*

- 1 I SING the almighty pow'r of God,
That made the mountains rise ;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
- 2 I sing the wisdom that ordain'd
The sun to rule the day ;
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.
- 3 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That fill'd the earth with food ;
He formed the creatures with his word,
And then pronounced them good.
- 4 Lord, how thy wonders are display'd
Where'er I turn my eye !
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky.
- 5 There's not a plant or flow'r below,
But makes thy glories known ;
And clouds arise and tempests blow,
By order from thy throne.
- 6 Creatures (as num'rous as they be)
Are subject to thy care ;
There's not a place where we can flee,
But thou art present there.
- 7 In Heav'n he shines with beams of love,

With wrath in hell beneath ;
 'Tis on his earth I stand or move,
 And 'tis his air I breathe.

- 8 His hand is my perpetual guard,
 He keeps me with his eye ;
 Why should I then forget the Lord,
 Who is for ever nigh ?

3. Praise to God for our Redemption.

- 1 BLEST be the wisdom and the pow'r,
 The justice and the grace,
 That join'd in council to restore
 And save our ruin'd race.
- 2 Our father ate forbidden fruit,
 And from his glory fell :
 And we, his children, thus were brought
 To death and near to hell.
- 3 Blest be the Lord that sent his Son :
 To take our flesh and blood ;
 He for our lives gave up his own,
 To make our peace with God.
- 4 He honoured all his father's laws,
 Which we have disobey'd ;
 He bore our sins upon the cross,
 And our full ransom paid.
- 5 Behold him rising from the grave ;
 Behold him rais'd on high ;

He pleads his merit there to save
Transgressors doom'd to die.

6 There on a glorious throne he reigns,
And by his pow'r divine
Redeems us from the slavish chains
Of Satan and of sin.

7 Thence shall the Lord to judgment come,
And with a sov'reign voice,
Shall call and break up every tomb,
While waking saints rejoice.

8 O may I then with joy appear
Before the Judge's face,
And with the bless'd assembly there
Sing his redeeming grace.

4. *Praise for Birth and Education in a
Christian Land.*

1 GREAT God, : cheer my voice I raise,
To thee my y^{ou}ngest hours belong,
I would begin my life with praise
Till growing years improve the song.

2 'Tis to thy sov'reign grace I owe,
That I was born on Christian ground:
Where streams of heavenly mercy flow,
And words of sweet salvation sound.

3. I would not change my native land,

For rich Peru with all her gold :
 A nobler prize lies in my hand,
 Than east or western Indies hold.

- 4 How I do pity those that dwell,
 Where Ignorance and darkness reigns ;
 They know no heav'n, they fear no Hell,
 Those endless joys, those endless pains.
- 5 Thy glorious promises, O Lord
 Kindle my hopes and my desire ;
 While all the preachers of thy word,
 Warn me to 'scape eternal fire.
- 6 Thy praise shall still employ my breath,
 Since thou hast mark'd my way to heav'n ;
 Nor will I run the road to death,
 And waste the blessings thou has giv'n.

5. Praise for Mercies Spiritual and Temporal.

- 1 WHENE'ER I take my walks abroad,
 How many poor I see ?
 What shall I render to my God
 For all his Gifts to me ?
- 2 Not more than others I deserve,
 Yet God hath given me more ;
 For I have food while others starve,
 Or beg from door to door.
- 3 How many children in the street,

Half naked I behold !
 While I am cloth'd from head to feet,
 And cover'd from the cold.

4 While some poor wretches scarce can tell
 Where they may lay their head
 I have a home wherein to dwell,
 And rest upon my bed.

5 While others early learn to swear,
 And curse, and lie, and steal ;
 Lord, I am taught thy name to fear,
 And do thy holy will.

6 Are these thy favours day by day
 To me above the rest ?
 Then let me love thee more than they,
 And try to serve thee best.

6. Praise for the Gospel.

1 LORD, I ascribe it to thy grace,
 And not to chance as others do ;
 That I was born of Christian race,
 And not a Heathen, or a Jew.

2 What would the ancient Jewish kings,
 And Jewish prophets once have giv'n,
 Could they have heard those glorious things,
 Which Christ reveal'd and brought from
 Heav'n.

3 How glad the Heathens would have been,

That worshipp'd idols, wood and stone;
 If they the book of God had seen,
 Or Jesus and his gospel known!

- 4 Then, if this gospel I refuse,
 How shall I e'er lift up my eyes;
 For all the Gentiles and the Jews,
 Against me will in judgment rise.

7. The Excellency of the Bible.

- 1 GREAT God, with wonder and with praise;
 On all thy works I look;
 But still thy wisdom, pow'r, and grace,
 Shine brightest in thy book.
- 2 The stars that in their courses roll,
 Have much instruction giv'n;
 But thy good word informs my soul,
 How I may climb to heav'n.
- 3 The fields provide me food, and shew
 The goodness of the Lord;
 But fruits of life and glory grow,
 In thy most holy word.
- 4 Here are my choicest treasures hid,
 Here my best comfort lies;
 Here my desires are satisfied,
 And hence my hopes arise.
- 5 Lord, make me understand thy law
 Show what my faults have been;

And from the gospel let me draw,
Pardon for all my sin.

6 Here would I learn how Christ has dy'd
To save my soul from hell ;
Not all the books on earth beside,
Such heav'nly wonders tell.

7 Then let me love my bible more,
And take a fresh delight,
By day to read those wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

3. *Heaven and Hell.*

1 THERE is beyond the sky;
A heav'n of joy and love ;
And holy children when they die,
Go to that world above.

2 There is a dreadful hell,
And everlasting pains ;
There sinners must with devils dwell
In darkness, fire, and chains.

3 Can such a wretch as I,
Escape this cursed end ?
And may I hope whene'er I die,
I shall to heav'n ascend.

4 Then will I read and pray,
While I have life and breath :

Lest I should be cut off to day,
And sent t' eternal death.

9. *Against Quarrelling and Fighting.*

- 1 LET dogs delight to bark and bite,
For God hath made them so :
Let bears and lions growl and fight,
For 'tis their nature too.
- 2 But children, you should never let
Such angry passions rise ;
Your little hands were never made,
'To tear each other's eyes.
- 3 Let love through all your actions run,
And all your words be mild ;
Live like the blessed virgin's Son,
That sweet and lovely child.
- 4 His soul was gentle as a lamb,
And as his stature grew,
He grew in favor both with man,
And God, his father, too.
- 5 Now Lord of all, he reigns above,
And from his heavenly throne,
He sees what children dwell in love,
And marks them for his own.

10. *Against scoffing and Calling Names.*

- 1 OUR tongues were made to bless the Lord,
And not speak ill of men ;
When others give a railing word,
We must not rail again.
- 2 Cross words and angry names require
To be chastis'd at school ;
And he's in danger of hell fire
That calls his brother fool.
- 3 But lips that dare be so profane,
To mock and jeer, and scoff,
At holy things or holy men,
The Lord shall cut them off.
- 4 When children in their wanton play,
Serv'd old Elisha so ;
And bid the prophet go his way,
“ Go up, thou bald-head, go.”
- 5 God quickly stopp'd their wicked breath,
And sent two raging bears,
That tore them limb from limb to death,
With blood and groans and tears.
- 6 Great God, how terrible art thou
To sinners e'er so young !
Grant me thy grace and teach me how
To tame and rule my tongue.

11. *Obedience to Parents.*

- 1 LET children that would fear the Lord,
Hear what their teachers say ;
With rev'rence meet their parent's word,
And with delight obey.
- 2 Have you not heard what dreadful plagues
Are threaten'd by the Lord,
To him that breaks his father's law,
Or mocks his mother's word ?
- 3 What heavy guilt upon him lies ;
How cursed is his name !
The ravens shall pick out his eyes,
And eagles eat the same.
- 4 But those that worship God, and give
Their parents honor due,
Here on this earth they long may live,
And live hereafter too.

12. *Solemn thoughts of God and Death.*

- 1 THERE is a God that reigns above,
Lord of the heav'ns, and earth and seas ;
I fear his wrath, I ask and love,
And with my lips I sing his praise.
- 2 There is a law which he has writ,
To teach us all what we must do ;

My soul, to his commands submit,
For they are holy just and true.

3 There is a gospel of rich grace,
Whence sinners all their comfort draw ;
Lord I repent and seek thy face,
For I have often broke thy law.

4 There is an hour when I must die,
Nor do I know how soon 'twill come ;
A thousand children young as I,
Are call'd by death to hear their doom.

5 Let me improve the hours I have,
Before the day of grace is fled ;
There's no repentance in the grave,
No pardons offer'd to the dead.

6 Just as a tree cut down that fell,
To North or Southward, there it lies :
So man departs to heav'n or hell
Fix'd in the state wherein he dies.

13. *Against Idleness and Mischief.*

1 HOW doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From ev'ry op'ning flow'r.

2 How skilfully she builds her cell !
How neat she spreads the wax !

And labors hard to store it well
 With the sweet food she makes.

3 In works of labor, or of skill,
 I would be busy too ;
 For Satan finds some mischief still
 For idle hands to do.

4 In books, or work, or healthful play,
 Let my first years be past ;
 That I may give for ev'ry day
 Some good account at last.

14. *The advantages of Early Religion.*

1 HAPPY the child whose youngest years
 Receive instructions well !
 Who hates the sinner's path, and fears
 The road that leads to hell.

2 When we devote our youth to God,
 'Tis pleasing to his eyes :
 A flow'r when offer'd in the bud,
 Is no vain sacrifice.

3 'Tis easier work if we begin
 To fear the Lord betimes ;
 While sinners that grow old in sin,
 Are harden'd in their crimes.

4 'Twill save us from a thousand snares,
 To mind religion young ;

Grace will preserve our following years
And make our virtue strong.

- 5 To thee, almighty God, to thee,
Our childhood we resign ;
'Twill please us to look back and see,
That our whole lives are thine.
- 6 Let the sweet work of pray'r and praise,
Employ my youngest breath ;
Thus I'm prepar'd for longer days,
Or fit for early death.

15. *A Morning Song.*

- 1 MY God, who makes the sun to know
His proper hour to rise,
And to give light to all below,
Does send him round the skies.
- 2 When from the chambers of the east
His morning race begins,
He never tires, nor stops to rest
But round the world he shines.
- 3 So, like the sun, would I fulfil
The bus'ness of the day :
Begin my works by times, and still
March on my heav'nly way.
- 4 Give me, O Lord, thy early grace,
Nor let my soul complain,
That the young morning of my days
Has all been spent in vain.

16. *The Child's Complaint.*

- 1 WHY should I love my sport so well
 So constant at my play,
 And loose the thoughts of heav'n and hell
 And then forget to pray ?
- 2 What do I read my bible for,
 But, Lord, to learn thy will :
 And shall I daily know thee more,
 And less obey thee still.
- 3 How senseless is my heart and wild
 How vain are all my thoughts !
 Pity the weakness of a child,
 And pardon all my faults.
- 4 Make me thy heav'nly voice to hear,
 And let me love to pray ;
 Since God will lend a gracious ear,
 To what a child can say.

17. *An Evening Song*

- 1 AND now another day is gone,
 I'll sing my Maker's praise :
 My comforts ev'ry hour make known
 His providence and grace.
- 2 But how my childhood runs to waste
 My sins how great their sum !

Lord ! give me pardon for the past,
And strength for days to come.

3 I lay my body down to sleep ;
Let angels guard my head,
And through the hours of darkness keep
Their watch around my bed.

4 With cheerful heart I close my eyes,
Since God will not remove ;
And in the morning let me rise
Rejoicing in his love.

18. *Against Lying.*

1 O'TIS a lovely thing for youth,
To walk betimes in wisdom's way ;
To fear a lie, to speak the truth,
That we may trust to all they say.

2 But liars we can never trust,
Tho' they should speak the thing that's
true ;
For he that does one fault at first,
And lies to hide it makes it two.

3 Have we not known, nor heard, nor read,
How God abhors deceit and wrong ?
How Ananias was struck dead,
Caught with lie upon his tongue ?

4 So did his wife Sapphira die,
When she came in and grew so bold,

As to confirm that wicked lie,
Which just before her husband told;

5 The Lord delights in them that speak
The words of truth ; but ev'ry liar
Must have his portion in the lake,
That burns with brimstone and with fire.

6 Then let me always watch my lips,
Lest I be struck to death and hell ;
Since God a book of reck'ning keeps,
For ev'ry lie that children tell.

19. *Love between Brothers and Sisters.*

1 WHATEVER brawls disturb the street,
There should be peace at home ;
Where sisters dwell and brothers meet,
Quarrels should never come.

2 Birds in their little nest agree ;
And 'tis a shameful sight,
When children of one family
Fall out, and chide, and fight.

3 Hard names at first, and threat'ning words* ;
That are but noisy breath,

* A sea-faring man once asked a gentleman that he was travelling with, how he kept himself from going into a passion ? His answer was, ' By never raising my voice in conversation ; and speaking properly and softly to my companions.' See also *Proverbs* xv. 1.

May grow to clubs and naked swords,
To murder and to death.

4 The devil tempts one mother's son
To rage against another ;
So wicked Cain was hurried on
Till he had kill'd his brother.

5 The wise will let their anger cool;
At least before 'tis night ;
But in the bosom of a fool,
It burns till morning light,

6 Pardon, O Lord, our childish rage,
Our little brawls remove ;
That, as we grow to riper age,
Our hearts may all be love.

20. *Against pride in Clothes.*

1 WHY should our garments, made to hide,
Our parent's shame, provoke our pride ?
The art of dress did ne'er begin,
'Till Eve our mother, learnt to sin.

2 When first she put the cov'ring on,
Her robe of innocence was gone ;
And yet her children vainly boast
In the sad marks of glory lost.

3 How proud we are, how fond to shew
Our cloths, and call them rich and new ;

When the poor sheep and silk-worm wore
That very clothing long before.

- 4 The tulip and the butterfly
Appear in gayer coats than I :
Let me be drest fine as I will,
Flies, worms, and flowers exceed me still.
- 5 Then will I set my heart to find,
Inward adornings of the mind :
Knowledge and virtue, truth and grace,
These are the robes of richest dress.
- 6 No more shall worms with me compare,
This is the raiment angels wear ;
The Son of God, when here below,
Put on this blest apparel too.
- 7 It never fades, it ne'er grows old,
Nor fears the rain, nor moth, nor mould
It takes no spot, but still refines.
The more 'tis worn, the more it shines.
- 8 In this on earth would I appear,
Then go to heav'n; and wear it there ;

* Though some of our predecessors might cover themselves too profusely with *silks* and *woolen coats*, many tender constitutions have been greatly injured in the present day, since it has become a custom for females to discard every kind of woolen dress.

We should dress for use and decency, not for pride.—Those who attempt to follow every fashion, are merely the slaves of custom.

God will approve it in his sight,
 'Tis his own work, and his delight.

21. *Against Evil Company.*

- 1 WHY should I join with those in play,
 In whom I've no delight ;
 Who curse and swear, but never pray ;
 Who call ill names and fight ?
- 2 I hate to hear a wanton song,
 Their words offend my ears ;
 I should not dare defile my tongue
 With language such as theirs.
- 3 Away from fools I'll turn mine eyes,
 Nor with the scoffers go ;
 I would be walking with the wise,
 That wiser I may grow.
- 4 From one rude boy that's us'd to mock,
 They learn the wicked jest ;
 One sickly sheep infects the flock,
 And poisons all the rest.
- 5 My God, I hate to walk or dwell
 With sinful children here ;
 Then let me not be sent to hell,
 Where none but sinners are.

22. *Examples of Early Piety.*

- 1 WHAT bless'd examples do I find,
Writ in the word of truth,
Of children that began to mind
Religion in their youth.
- 2 Jesus, who reigns above the sky,
And keeps the world in awe ;
Was once a child as young as I,
And kept his father's law.
- 3 At twelve years old he talk'd with men,
(The Jews all wond'ring stand)
Yet he obey'd his mother then,
And came at her command.
- 4 Children a sweet hosanna sung,
And blest their Saviour's name,
They gave him honor with their tongue,
While scribes and priests blasphem'd.
- 5 Samuel the child was wean'd and brought
To wait upon the Lord ;
Young Timothy betimes was taught
To know his holy word.
- 6 Then why should I so long delay,
What others learnt so soon ?
I would not pass another day,
Without this work begun.

23. *The Danger of Delay.*

- 1 WHY should I say 'tis yet too soon
To seek for heav'n or think of death,
A flow'r may fade before 'tis noon,
And I this day may lose my breath.
- 2 If this rebellious heart of mine,
Despise the gracious calls of heav'n,
I may be harden'd in my sin,
And never have repentance giv'n.
- 3 What if the Lord grow wroth and swear,
While I refuse to read and pray,
That he'll refuse to lend an ear,
To all my groans another day.
- 4 What if his dreadful anger burn,
While I reject his offer'd grace,
And all his love to fury turn,
And strike me dead upon the place ?
- 5 'Tis dang'rous to provoke our God !
His pow'r and veng'ance none can tell,
One stroke of his almighty rod,
Shall send young sinners quick to hell.

24. *Glory to the Father, &c.—*

IN SHORT METRE.

GIVE to the Father praise,
Give glory to the son :

And to the Spirit of his grace
Be equal honour done.

25. *The Ten Commandments.*

- 1 THOU shalt have no more Gods but me.
- 2 Before no idol bow thy knee.
- 3 Take not the name of God in vain.
- 4 Nor dare the Sabbath-day profane.
- 5 Give both thy parents honour due.
- 6 Take heed that thou no murder do.
- 7 Abstain from words and deeds unclean.
- 8 Nor steal, tho' thou art poor and mean.
- 9 Nor make wilful lie, nor love it.
- 10 What is thy neighbour's dare not covet.

26. *Duty to God and our Neighbour.*

- 1 LOVE God with all your soul and strength,
With all your heart and mind ;
And love your neighbour as yourself,
Be faithful, just and kind.
- 2 Deal with another, as you'd have
Another deal with you ;
What your'e unwilling to receive,
Be sure you never do.

27. *The Hosanna, or Salvation ascribed to Christ.—Long Metre.*

- 1 HOSANNA to king David's son,

Who reigns on a superior throne ;
 We bless the prince of heav'nly birth
 Who brings salvation down on earth.

- 2 Let ev'ry nation, ev'ry age,
 In this delightful work engage ;
 Old men and babes in Sion sing
 The growing glories of her King !



MORAL SONGS, &c.

1. *A Cradle Hymn.*

- 1 HUSH my dear, lie still and slumber,
 Holy Angels guard thy bed !
 Heavenly blessings without number,
 Gently falling on thy head.
- 2 Sleep my babe ; thy food and raiment,
 House and home, thy friends provide,
 All without thy care or payment ;
 All thy wants are well supplied.

- 3 How much better thou'rt attended
 Than the Son of God could be,
 When from heaven he descended
 And became a child like thee !
- 4 Soft and easy is thy cradle :
 Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay -
 When his birth-place was a stable,
 And his softest bed was hay.
- 5 Blessed babe ! what glorious features,
 Spotless fair, divinely bright !
 Must he dwell with brutal creatures ?
 How could angels bear the sight ?
- 6 Was there nothing but a manger
 Cursed sinners could afford
 To receive the heavenly stranger ?
 Did they thus affront the Lord ?
- 7 Soft my child ! I did not chide thee
 Tho' my song might sound too hard,
 'Tis thy mother* sits beside thee
 And her arm shall be thy guard.
- 8 Yet, to read the shameful story
 How the Jews abus'd their king !
 How they served the Lord of Glory
 Makes me angry while I sing.
- * Here you may use the words, brother, sister, &c.

- 9 See the kinder shepherds round him,
 Telling wonders from the sky !
 Where they sought him, there they found
 him,
 With his Virgin Mother by.
- 10 See the lovely babe a dressing ;
 Lovely infant how he smil'd !
 When he wept, the Mother's blessing
 Sooth'd and hush'd the holy child.
- 11 Lo ! he slumbers in his manger,
 Where the horned oxen fed !
 Peace, my darling, here's no danger,
 Here's no ox a-near thy bed.
- 12 'Twas to save thee, child ! from dying,
 Save my dear from burning flame,
 Bitter groans and endless crying,
 That thy blest Redeemer came.
- 13 May'st thou live to know and fear him,
 Trust and love him all thy days ;
 Then go dwell for ever near him,
 See his face, and sing his praise.
- 14 I could give thee thousand kisses,
 Hoping what I most desire ;
 Not a mother's fondest wishes
 Can to greater joy aspire.

2. *The Ant or Emmet.*

- 1 THESE emmets, how little they are in our eyes !
We tread them to dust, and a troop of them dies,
Without our regard or concern :
Yet as wise as we are, if we went to their school,
There's many a sluggard, and many a fool,
Some lessons of wisdom might learn.
- 2 They don't wear their time out in sleeping or play,
But gather up corn in a sun-shiny day,
And for winter they lay up their stores :
They manage their work in such regular forms,
One would think they foresaw all the frosts and the
storms ;
And so brought their food within doors.
- 3 But I have less sense than a poor creeping ant,
If I take not due care for the things I shall want,
Nor provide against dangers in time :
When death or old age shall stare in my face,
What a wretch shall I be at the end of my days,
If I trifle away all their prime !
- 4 Now, now, while my strength and my youth are in
bloom,
Let me think what will serve me when sickness shall
come,
And pray that my sins be forgiv'n :
Let me read in good books, and believe and obey,
That, when death turns me out of this cottage of clay,
I may dwell in a palace in Heav'n.

3. *The Rose.*

- 1 HOW fair is the rose ! what a beautiful flow'r !
In summer so fragrant and gay !

But the leaves are beginning to fade in an hour,
And they wither and die in a day.

2 Yet the rose has one pow'rful virtue to boast,
Above all the flow'rs of the field :
When its leaves are all dead, and fine colours lost,
Still how sweet a perfume it will yield !

3 So frail is the youth and the beauty of men,
Tho' they bloom and look gay like the rose ;
For all our fond care to preserve them is vain ;
Time kills them as fast as he goes.

4 Then I'll not be proud of my youth or my beauty,
Since both of them wither and fade :
But gain a good name by performing my duty :
This will scent like a rose, when I'm dead.

4. *On Learning to Read.*

1 THE praises of my tongue,
I offer to the Lord,
That I was taught and learnt so young
To read his holy word.

2 That I am brought to know
The danger I was in ;
By nature and by practice too,
A wretched slave to sin.

3 That I am led to see
I can do nothing well ;
And whither shall a sinner flee,
To save himself from hell ?

- 4 Dear Lord this book of thine
 Informs me where to go,
 For grace to pardon all my sin,
 And make me holy too.
- 5 Here can I read and learn
 How Christ the son of God,
 Has undertook our great concern ;
 Our ransom cost his blood.

5. *Good Resolutions.*

- 1 THO' I am now in younger days,
 Nor can I tell what shall befall me ;
 I'll prepare for ev'ry place,
 Where my growing age shall call me.
- 2 Should I e'er be rich or great,
 Others shall partake my fulness :
 I'll supply the poor with meat,
 Never shewing scorn or rudeness.
- 3 Where I see the blind or lame,
 Deaf or dumb, I'll kindly treat them ;
 I deserve to feel the same,
 If I mock, or hurt, or cheat them.
- 4 If I meet with railing tongues,
 Why should I return them railing,
 Since I best revenge my wrongs,
 By my patience never failing ?
- 5 When I hear them telling lies,

Talking foolish, cursing, swearing,
 First I'll try to make them wise,
 Or I'll soon go out of hearing.

6 What tho' I be low and mean,
 I'll engage the rich to love me,
 While I'm modest neat and clean,
 And submit when they reprove me.

7 If I should be poor and sick,
 I shall meet, I hope, with pity,
 Since I love to help the weak,
 Tho' they're neither fair nor witty.

8 I'll not willingly offend,
 Nor be easily offended,
 What's amiss I'll strive to mend,
 And endure what can't be mended.

9 May I be so watchful still
 O'er my humours and my passion,
 As to speak and do no ill,
 Tho' it should be all the fashion.

10 Wicked fashions lead to hell,
 Ne'er may I be found complying;
 But in life behave so well,
 Not to be afraid of dying.

6. *The Golden Rule.*

BE to others kind and true,
 As you'd have others be to you,
 And neither do nor say to men,
 Whate'er you would not take again.

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PLAIN AND EASY

CATECHISMS FOR CHILDREN.

FIRST CATECHISM.

Of the Principles of Religion.

Quest. **C**AN you tell me, child, who made you ?

Ans. The Great God, who made Heaven and Earth.

Q. *What doth God do for you ?*

A. He keeps me from sin by night and by day, and is always doing me good.

Q. *And what must you do for this great God, who is so good to you ?*

A. I must learn to know him first, and then I must do every thing to please him.

Q. *Where doth God teach us to know and to please him.*

A. In his holy word, which is contained in the Bible.

Q. *Have you learned to know who God is ?*

A. God is a Spirit ; and though we cannot see

him, yet he sees and knows all things, and he can do all things.

Q. What must you do to please God ?

A. I must do my duty both toward God and Man.

Q. What is your duty to God ?

A. My duty to God is to fear and honor him, to love and serve him, to pray to him, and to praise him.

Q. What is your duty to man ?

A. My duty to Man is to obey my parents, to speak the truth always, and to be honest and kind to all.

Q. What good do you hope for by seeking to please God ?

A. Then I shall be a Child of God, and have God for my Father and Friend for ever.

Q. And what if you do not fear God; nor love him, nor seek to please him ?

A. Then I shall be a wicked child, and the great God will be angry with me.

Q. Why are you afraid of God's anger ?

A. Because he can kill my body, and make my soul miserable after my body is dead.

Q. But have you never done any thing to make God angry with you already ?

A. Yes ; I fear I have too often sinned against God, and deserved his anger.

Q. What do you mean by sinning against God.

A. To sin against God is to do any thing.

He forbids me, or not to do what he commands me.

Q. And what must you do to be saved from the anger of God which your sins have deserved ?

A. I must be sorry for my sins, I must pray to God to forgive me what is past, and serve him better for time to come.

Q. Will God forgive you if you pray for it ?

A. I hope he will forgive me if I trust in his mercy for the sake of what Jesus Christ has done, and what he has suffered.

Q. Do you know who JESUS CHRIST is ?

A. He is God's own Son, who came from Heaven to save us from our sins, and from God's anger.

Q. What has Christ done towards the saving of Men ?

A. He obeyed the law of God himself, and has taught us to obey it also.

Q. And what has Christ suffered in order to save Men ?

A. He died for sinners, who had broken the law of God, and had deserved to die themselves.

Q. Where is Jesus Christ now ?

A. He is alive again, and gone to Heaven, to provide a place there for all that serve God and love his Son Jesus.

Q. Can you of yourself love and serve God and Christ ?

A. No, I cannot do it of myself, but God will help me by his own spirit, if I ask him for it.

Q. *Will Jesus Christ ever come again ?*

A. Christ will come again, and call me and all the world to account for what we have done.

Q. *For what purpose is this account to be given ?*

A. That the Children of God, as well as the wicked, may all receive according to their works.

Q. *What must become of you, if you are wicked ?*

A. If I am wicked, I shall be sent down to everlasting fire in Hell, among wicked and miserable creatures.

Q. *And whither shall you go if you are a Child of God ?*

A. If I am a child of God, I shall be taken up to Heaven, and dwell there with God and Christ for ever. Amen.



SECOND CATECHISM.

Of the Principles of Religion.

Quest. **D**EAR child do you know what you are ?

Ans. I am a creature of God, for he made me, both body and soul.

Q. *How do you know you have a soul ?*

A. Because I find something within me that can think and know, can wish and desire, can rejoice and be sorry, which my body cannot do.

Q. *Wherein doth your soul differ further from your body ?*

A. My body is made of flesh and blood, and it will die : but my soul is a spirit, and it will live after my body is dead.

Q. *For what purpose did God make you such a creature, with a body and a soul ?*

A. To know him and serve him here on earth, that I may dwell with him and be happy hereafter in Heaven,

Q. *How must you learn to know God and to serve him ?*

A. By the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, which are the word of God.

Q. *What do the Scriptures teach you of the knowledge of God ?*

A. The Scriptures teach me what God is in himself, and what he is in relation to us who are his creatures.

Q. *Who is God, considered in himself, or in his own nature ?*

A. God in his own nature is a spirit, every where present, without beginning and without end, most wise and powerful, most holy and merciful, most just and true.

Q. *What is God in relation to us who are his creatures ?*

A. As the great God is our maker, who gave us our being, so he continually preserves us, and does us good : He is our Lord and Ruler now, and he will be our Judge at last.

Q. *And how do the Scriptures teach you to serve God ?*

A. I must serve God, by keeping all his commandments, that is, by doing every thing that he requires of me, and avoiding every thing that he forbids me.

Q. *What commandments has God given to men ?*

A. He gave the law of ten commandments to the Jews in the Old Testament, and they are summed up in two commandments for us in the New Testament.

Q. *Repeat the ten commandments of God, which he gave in the Old Testament—What is the first commandment ?*

A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

Q. *What is the second commandment ?*

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me ; and shewing mercies unto thousands of

them that love me and keep my commandments ?

Q. What is the third commandment ?

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Q. What is the fourth commandment ?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work ; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates ; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Q. What is the fifth commandment ?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. What is the sixth commandment ?

A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

Q. What is the seventh commandment ?

A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. What is the eight commandment ?

A. The eight commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

Q. *What is the ninth commandment ?*

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. *What is the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house ; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Q. *What is the sum of the ten commandments which is given us in the New Testament.*

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Q. *What do you mean by loving God with all your heart?*

A. To love God with all my heart, is to have the highest and best thoughts of him, to desire his favor above all things, and delight to please him always.

Q. *How must you shew your love to God ?*

A. By paying him constantly the worship that he requires of me—by doing heartily whatsoever else he commands me—by bearing patiently what he suffers to befall me.

Q. *What worship doth God require of you ?*

A. I must hearken diligently to his holy word, and praise him for his greatness and goodness : I must pray to him daily for what mercies

I want, and give him thanks for what I receive.

Q. And what do you mean by loving your neighbor as yourself?

A. To love my neighbor as myself, is to do to all other persons as I could reasonably desire them to do to me, if I were in their place.

Q. How must you shew your love to your neighbor?

A. By honoring and obeying those that are set over me; by speaking the truth and dealing honestly with all who are about me; by wishing well and doing good to all mankind, whether they be friends, strangers, or enemies.

Q. You have told me the duties you must do; can you tell me also the sins you must avoid?

A. I must avoid all the sins of the heart, the sins of the tongue, and the sinful actions of life.

Q. What are the sins of the heart?

A. The sins of the heart are these, a neglect of God, pride and stubbornness, malice and envy, with all other evil thoughts and unruly passions.

Q. What are the chief sins of the tongue?

A. The chief sins of the tongue, are swearing, cursing, abusing the name of God or any thing that is holy, scoffing and calling ill names, lying and filthy speaking.

Q. What are those sinful actions that you must avoid ?

A. Sinful actions are such as these, gluttony, drunkenness, and quarrelling, wanton carriage and misspending of time, especially the Lord's Day, doing dishonor to God or injury to man.

Q. Have you never broke the commands of God, and sinned against him ?

A. My own heart and conscience tell me that I have broke God's holy commandments, and sinned against him both in thought word and deed.

Q. How do you know that you have sinned in thought word, and deed, against the blessed God ?

A. I have let evil thoughts run too much in my mind, and spoken too many evil words, I have too often done such deeds as are evil and neglected what is good.

Q. Whence comes it to pass that you have been such a sinner ?

A. I was born into the world with inclinations to that which is evil, and I have too much followed these inclinations all my life.

Q. How came you to be born with such an inclination to evil ?

A. All mankind are born in sin because they come from Adam, the first man who sinned against God.

Q. But why did you follow these evil inclin-

ations? was it not your duty to resist them, when you knew they were evil?

A. I ought to resist every sinful inclination, and therefore I have no sufficient excuse for myself before the great God.

Q. What do you deserve because of your sins?

A. My sins have deserved the wrath and curse of the Almighty God who made me.

Q. Is the wrath of God so terrible that you cannot bear it?

A. The wrath of God is terrible indeed, for he can make sinners suffer all the miseries of this life, the pains of death, and the torments of hell for ever.

Q. How do you hope to escape God's wrath?

A. God is merciful, and has sent Jesus Christ into this world, to become the Saviour of sinful creatures, as the Gospel teaches us.

Q. What is the Gospel?

A. The Gospel is the glad tidings of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, which was foretold in the Old Testament, but is plainly revealed in the New.

Q. Who is Jesus Christ?

A. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who was with God before the world was made, but he became the son of man, and dwelt with men about eighteen hundred years ago.

Q. But is not Jesus Christ, God as well as man ?

A. Though he be a man yet he is God also ; for he is a glorious person, in whom God and man are joined together, and his name is Immanuel, or, God with us.

Q. What did Jesus Christ do on earth to save sinners ?

A. He made known to men the will of God by his preaching ; he set them a pattern of holiness by his own practice ; he obtained pardon of sin and everlasting life for them, by his obedience unto death.

Q. How could Christ obtain pardon and life for us, by his doing or suffering.

A. Our sins had deserved death, but Christ was the Son of God, and perfectly righteous, and God appointed him to suffer death, to take away our sins, and to bring us into his favor.

Q. Is Jesus Christ now among the dead ?

A. No : he rose from the dead on the third day, and afterward went up to heaven to dwell at the right hand of God.

Q. What is Christ now doing in heaven ?

A. He pleads with God his Father to bestow mercy on men, and he rules over all things for the good of his people.

Q. What must you do to become one of his people and to partake of this mercy ?

A. I must repent of my sins, and confess them

Before God, and ask pardon for them; I must have faith in Christ as my Saviour, and obey him as my Lord and ruler.

Q. What is it to repent of sin?

A. To repent of my sins, is to be sorry at my heart that I have offended God, to hate every thing that displeases him, and to take heed that I offend him no more.

Q. What is it to have faith in Christ as your Saviour?

A. To have faith in Christ as my Saviour, is to believe that Christ is the saviour of sinners, and to give myself up to him, and trust in him, that he may save me in his own way.

Q. What reason have you to hope that you shall then be delivered from the anger of God?

A. If we repent of sin and trust in Christ, God hath told us in his word, that he will forgive our sins and save our souls.

Q. But is not your heart itself sinful, and have you power of yourself, to repent of sin and to trust in Christ, and obey him?

A. We have sinful hearts and cannot do these duties of ourselves, but God has promised his Holy Spirit if we pray for it, to renew our hearts to holiness, and help us to do his will.

Q. How must you offer up your prayer, so

as to be accepted of God, and obtain his Holy Spirit, or any blessing from him ?

A. In all our prayers and all our services, we must seek for acceptance only from the mercy of God and for the sake of Christ ; for we have sinned and deserve no good thing.

Q. Hath God provided any other means for our help in the way to heaven ?

A. God hath given his holy word both to Jews and Christians, he has sent his ministers to help us to understand his word, and appointed some special signs and tokens of his mercy for our use.

Q. What are the special signs and tokens which God hath appointed to shew forth his mercy among Christians ?

A. There are two signs or tokens, which are commonly called sacraments of the New Testament, and these are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Q. What is Baptism ?

A. It is a washing with water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Q. What is meant by this washing ?

A. It signifies our being cleansed from sin, and our becoming new creatures and the disciples of Christ.

Q. Why must we be Baptized in the name of the Father ?

A. Because it was God, the Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ, who appointed this salvation, and he is our father also, if we are true Christians.

Q. Why must we be Baptized in the name of the Son of God ?

A. Because this salvation was preached by the Son of God as our great Prophet, he procured it for us as our High Priest, and he bestows it on us as our Lord and King.

Q. Why must it be done also in the name of the Holy Spirit ?

A. Because the wondrous works of the Holy Spirit bore witness to this salvation heretofore, and it is this Holy Spirit enables us to obey the Gospel now, and to hope and wait for this salvation.

Q. What doth this Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, oblige you to do ?

A. If I am baptized, I am given up to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that I may live as a new creature and a Christian ; and having been once washed, I must not defile myself again with sin.

Q. What is the Lord's Supper ?

A. It is the eating of bread and drinking of wine, in remembrance of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. What doth bread signify ?

A. The bread when it is broken, signifies the

body of Christ, which was wounded or broken on the cross for us.

Q. What doth wine signify?

A. The wine poured out into the cup, signifies the blood of Christ, which was poured out in his death to take away our sins.

Q. Why must the bread be eaten and the wine be drank?

A. To signify our partaking of the blessings which Christ hath obtained for us by his death.

Q. What doth the Lord's Supper oblige us to?

A. Those who partake of the Lord's Supper, should thankfully remember the love of Christ who died for them, and they should love and serve him to the end of their lives,

Q. When you have done the will of God, and served Christ to the end of your life, what are your hopes after death?

A. When my body dies, and my soul goes into the world of spirits, I hope it will dwell with God and Christ, and be happy.

Q. And do you not expect some greater happiness afterward?

A. Yes; I hope for complete happiness when my body shall rise again, and be joined to my spirit at the day of judgement.

Q. But let us hear first what is this world of spirits you speak of, whither the soul goes at death?

A. It is a very large world, though it is out of

sight, in which there are different dwellings, for angels and devils, and for the souls of men both good and bad.

Q. Who or what are angels?

A. They are good spirits, who wait on God and worship him in heaven, but they are often sent down to do service here on earth.

Q. Who or what are devils?

A. They are evil spirits, who were at first angels of God, but having sinned against him, they were cast out of heaven, and now they are always tempting men to sin.

Q. But are not all these spirits, both good and evil, put under the dominion of Christ?

A. Christ is Lord over them all: He employs the angels for the good of his people: and the devils can do no mischief, but when Christ suffers them.

Q. What will become of the devils at last?

A. They are now kept as prisoners for some greater punishment, after the judgment day.

Q. When will this day of judgment come, when you said your body should rise from the dead?

A. At the end of the world, Jesus Christ shall come down from heaven to judge all mankind, and for that purpose he shall raise all that are dead to life again.

Q. What shall be done to mankind when the dead are raised to life?

A. Christ shall call them all to appear before his seat of judgement, where both the righteous and the wicked must give an account to him of their behaviour in this world.

Q. How will the righteous appear in that day?

A. The righteous shall appear with courage and joy, as the children of God, who have done the will of their heavenly Father, and are made like him in holiness.

Q. And how will the wicked appear then?

The wicked shall stand before the Judge, with fear and shame, like the children of the devil: for they have done his will, and are like him in sinful works.

Q. And how will Christ, the Judge dispose of men, and deal with them in judgment?

A. He will place the righteous at his right hand and the wicked on his left, and will pass a sentence on them both, according as their works have been.

Q. After the judgment, what shall become of the wicked?

A. The wicked shall be driven into hell-fire, both soul and body, to be tormented with the devil and wicked spirits for ever.

Q. And what shall be done to the righteous?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ shall carry the righteous up with him to heaven, both soul and body, to live there with God their Father, and with his holy angels, in everlasting joy.—AMEN.

The Principles of the
CHRISTIAN RELIGION,
Expressed in plain and easy Verse,
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Of our own Nature, and its chief Glory and Happiness.

NOW for a while aside I'll lay
 My childish trifles and my play;
 And call my thoughts, which rove abroad,
 To view myself, and view my God:
 I'll look within, that I may see
 What I now am, what I must be.
 I am the creature of the Lord;
 He made me by his powerful word:
 This body in each curious part,
 Was wrought by his unfailing art;
 From him my nobler spirit came,
 My soul, a spark of heavenly flame;
 That soul by which my body lives,
 Which thinks, and hopes, and joys, and grieves,
 And must in heaven or hell remain,
 When flesh is turn'd to dust again.

What business then should I attend?
 Or what esteem my noblest end?
 Sure it consists in this alone,
 That God my Maker may be known;
 So known that I may love him still,
 And form my actions by his will;
 That he may bless me while I live,
 And when I die my soul receive,
 To dwell for ever in his sight,
 In perfect knowledge and delight.

*The Knowledge of God and our Duty, to be learned
 from the Bible.*

HOW shall a little infant learn
 This great, this infinite concern,
 What my Almighty Maker is,

And what the way this God to please ?

Shall some bright angel spread his wings,

The welcome message down to bring !

Or must we dig beneath the ground,

Deep as where silver mines are found ?

I bless his name for what I hear ;

The word of life and truth is near ;

His gospel sounds through all our land :

Bibles are lodged in every hand :

That sacred book, inspired by God,

In our own tongue is spread abroad :

That book may little children read,

And learn the knowledge which they need ;

I'll place it still before my eyes,

For there my hope and treasure lies.

Of the Nature and Attributes of the blessed God.

GOD is a Spirit none can see ;

He ever was, and e'er shall be ;

Present where'er his creatures dwell,

Through earth and sea, through heaven and hell.

His eye with infinite survey,

Views all their realms in full display ;

What has been, is, or shall be done,

Or here, or there, to him is known :

Nor can one thought arise unseen,

In mind of angels or of men :

Yet far above all anxious cares,

Calmly he rules his grand affairs ;

While wisdom infinite attends,

By surest means the noblest ends.

Majestic from his lofty throne

He speaks, and all his will is done ;

Nor can united worlds withstand

The force of his almighty hand ;

Yet ever righteous are his ways,

Faithful and true whate'er he says :

The holy, holy, holy Lord,

By all th' angelic hosts adored.

The bounty of his gracious hands,
 Wide as the world he made extends ;
 And though himself completely bless'd,
 With pity looks on the distress'd,
 And by his Son, our Saviour dear,
 To sinners brings salvation near.

All that is glorious, good, and great,
 Does in the Lord Jehovah meet ;
 Then to his name be glory given
 By all on earth, and all in heaven.

Of God's Relation to us.

THE Lord, my Maker, I adore,
 Created by his love and power ;
 He fashion'd in their various forms ;
 Angels, and men, and beasts, and worms,
 And all their well ranged orders stand,
 Supported by his powerful hand.

Father of light, amidst the skies
 He bids the golden sun arise ;
 He scatters the refreshing rain,
 To cheer the grass and swell the grain :
 And every day presents the food
 That satisfies my mouth with good.

At home, abroad, by night, by day,
 He is my guardian and my stay ;
 And sure 'tis fit my soul should know,
 He is my Lord and Sovereign too.

O may that voice that speaks his law,
 My heart to sweet obedience draw ;
 That when I see the Judge descend,
 I in that Judge may see my friend.

The Sum of our Duty to God and Man.

THE knowledge which my heart desires
 Is but to learn what God requires :
 Speak then the word, my Father dear,
 For all my soul's awake to hear :
 And O, what joy my breast must more

To hear that all thy law is love !

This is the sum of every part,
To love the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my might,
And in his service to delight :
That I should love my neighbours too,
And what I wish from them should do.

How short and sweet, how good and plain,
Easy to learn and to retain !

O may thy grace my soul renew !
And 'twill be sweet to practise too.

How our Love to God is to be expressed.

SINCE love is as my duty known,
How must this love to God be shown ?
Sure I the highest thoughts should raise
Of him who is above all praise ;
His favours most of all desire,
And still to please him should aspire :
To him be constant worship paid,
And all his sacred laws obey'd.

If to afflict me be his will,
I'll bear it with submission still :
A tender Father sure he proves,
And but corrects, because he loves.

His word with diligence I'll hear ;
To him present my daily prayer ;
And while new mercies I implore,
For blessings past I will adore ;
And every action shall express
A heart full charged with thankfulness.

How Love to our Neighbour should be expressed.

I by my love to men must prove,
How cordially my God I love :
To those whom he hath cloth'd with power,
I would be subject every hour ;
'To parents, and to rulers too,
Pay honour and obedience due !

In every word would truth preserve,
Nor let one act from justice swerve.

In all my feeble hands can do,
The good of all I would pursue ;
And where my powers of action fail,
Kind wishes in my heart prevail
For every man, whoe'er he be,
Stranger, or friend, or enemy.

Since by God's pardoning grace I live,
Well may I all my foes forgive :
And, as Christ's word and pattern show'd,
Conquer their evil by my good.

Sins to be avoided in Thought, Word, and Action.

GUARD me, O God, from every sin,
Let heart, and tongue, and life be clean !
Thongh with ten thousand snares beset,
I never will my Lord forget.

Fain would I learn to lay aside
Malice, and stubbornness, and pride ;
Envy, and every evil thought ;
Nor be my breast with anger hot :
Each other passion wild and rude,
I long to feel by grace subdued.

When thus my heart is well prepared,
My tongue I easily shall guard
From every oath and curse profane,
Nor take God's reverend name in vain :
No sacred things shall I deride,
Nor scoff, nor rail, nor brawl, nor chide :
My soul will every lie detest,
And every base indecent jest.

This humble watchful soul of mine
Shall with abhorrence then decline
The drunkard's cup, the glutton's feast,
That sink the man below the beast ;
The injurious blow, the wanton eye ;
The loss of hours that quickly fly ;
And that which leads to every crime,

The vain mispence of sacred time ;
 What brings dishonour on God's law,
 Or what on man would mischief draw.

Of the Misery which Sin hath brought upon us
 WHO can abide God's wrath, or stand

Before the terrors of his hand ?
 Jehovah's curse what heart shall dare
 To meet ? or what be strong to bear ?

He every good can take away,
 And every evil on us lay :
 Can by one single word bring down
 The tallest head that wears a crown ;
 The statesman wise, the warrior brave,
 To moulder in the silent grave :
 And send the wretched soul to hell,
 To the fierce flames where devils dwell,
 For endless years to languish there,
 In pangs of infinite despair.

I then, poor feeble child, how soon
 Must I dissolve before his frown !
 And yet his frowns and vengeance too,
 I, by my sins, have made my due.

Is there no hope, and must I die ?
 Is there no friend, nor helper nigh ?
 Is it beyond repeal decreed,
 That every soul that sins must bleed ?
 O let my longing, trembling ear,
 Some sound of grace and pardon hear !
 My soul would the first news embrace,
 And turn its trembling into praise.

Of the Gospel, or the News of Salvation by Christ

WHAT joyful tidings do I hear !
 'Tis gospel grace salutes my ear :
 And by that gracious sound I find
 This righteous God is mild and kind.

Jesus, his holy Son, displays
 The wonders of his Father's grace ;

The great salvation, long foretold
 By prophets to the Jews of old,
 Is now in plainer words made known,
 As to the apostles clearly shown.
 By this bless'd message, brought from heaven,
 Pardon, and peace, and grace is given.

O may I know that Saviour dear,
 Whom God hath represented here !
 And that eternal life receive,
 Which he was sent by God to give.

Who Christ is, and how he lived on Earth.

JESUS! how bright his glories shine!
 The great Immanuel is divine;
 One with the Father he appears,
 And all his Father's honours shares;
 Yet he, to bring salvation down,
 Has put our mortal nature on.

He in a humble virgin's womb
 A feeble infant did become;
 A stable was his lodging made,
 And the rude manger was his bed.
 Growing in life he still was seen
 Humble, laborious, poor, and mean;
 The Son of God from year to year,
 Did as a carpenter appear.

At length, when he to preach was sent,
 Through towns and villages he went;
 And travelled with unwearied zeal,
 God's will and nature to reveal.

To prove the heavenly truths he taught,
 Unnumber'd miracles were wrought;
 The blind beheld him, and the ear
 Which had been deaf, his voice could hear;
 Sickness obey'd his healing hand,
 And devils fled at his command;
 The lame for joy around him leap;
 The dead he wakens from their sleep.

Through all his life his doctrine shines,

Drawn in the plainest, fairest lines ;
 And death at length did he sustain,
 Our pardon and our peace to gain ;
 That sinners who condemned stood,
 Might gain salvation by his blood.
 All honour then ascribed be,
 To him who lived and died for me !

Of Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

JESUS, the righteous ! lo, he dies
 For sin a spotless sacrifice !
 Justice has on his sacred head
 The weight of our transgressions laid.
 If God's own Son would sinners save,
 He must be humbled to the grave ;
 That so a pard'ning God might show
 What vengeance to our crimes was due.

Nail'd to the cross with tort'ring smart,
 What anguish rack'd his tender heart !
 Alas, how bitterly he cry'd !
 'Tasted the vinegar, and died !
 Cold in the tomb, that mournful day,
 My Saviour's mangled body lay.
 Well may I blush, and weep to see
 What Jesus bore for love of me.

But, O my soul, thy grief refrain,
 Jesus, the Saviour, lives again !
 On the third day; the Conqu'ror rose,
 And greatly triumph'd o'er his foes ;
 Proved his recover'd life, and then
 Ascended to his heaven again !

Exalted on a shining throne,
 At God's right hand he sits him down,
 To plead the merits of his blood,
 And rule for all his people's good.
 Wide o'er all the worlds his power extends,
 And well can he protect his friends ;
 May I in that blest band appear,
 Secure from danger and from fear.

Of the Nature of Faith and Repentance.

THEY must repent and must believe,
Who Christ's salvation would receive :

O may the Spirit faith impart,
And work repentance in my heart !

Bless'd Jesus, who can be so base
As to suspect thy power of grace !
Or who can e'er so stupid be,
To slight thy blessings, Lord, and thee !
With humble reverent hope and love,
I to thy gracious feet would move ;
And to thy care my all resign,
Resolved to be for ever thine ;
Secure, if thou vouchsafe to keep
My feeble soul among thy sheep.

The sins and follies I have done,
Humbled in dust, I would bemoan ;
And while past guilt I thus deplore,
I would repeat that guilt no more ;
But by a life of zeal and love
True faith and penitence approve :
So shall thy grace my sins forgive,
Jesus shall smile, and I shall live.

Of the Assistance and Influence of the blessed Spirit.

'TIS not in my weak power alone,
To melt this stubborn heart of stone,
My soul to change, my life to mend,
Or seek to Christ, that gen'rous friend.

'Tis God's own Spirit from above
Fixes our faith, inflames our love :
And makes a life divine begin
In wretched souls long dead in sin.

That most important gift of heaven,
To those that ask and seek, is given :
Then be it my immediate care,
With importunity of prayer,
To seek it in a Saviour's name,
Who will not turn my hope to shame.

God from on high his grace shall pour ;
 My soul shall flourish more and more,
 Press on with speed from grace to grace,
 Till glory end and crown the race.

Since then the Father and the Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 Glorious beyond all speech and thought,
 Have jointly my salvation wrought ;
 I'll join them in my songs of praise,
 Now, and through heaven's eternal days.

Of the Means of Grace which God hath appointed.

WHAT kind provision God has made,
 'That we may safe in heaven be led !
 For this the prophets preach'd and wrote,
 For this the bless'd apostle taught ;
 Taught, as that Spirit did inspire,
 Who fell from heaven in tongues of fire,
 And gave them languages unknown,
 'That distant lands his grace might own.
 His hand has kept the sacred page
 Secure from men's and devils' rage.

For this, he churches did ordain,
 His truths and worship to maintain ;
 For this he pastors did provide,
 In those assemblies to preside ;
 And from the round of common days,
 Mark'd out our sabbaths to his praise :
 Delightful day ! when Christians meet
 To hear, and pray, and sing, how sweet !

For this he gives, in solemn ways,
 Appointed tokens of his grace :
 In sacramental pledges, there,
 His soldiers to their General swear ;
 Baptized into one common Lord,
 They joyful meet around his board ;
 Honour the orders of his house,
 And speak their love, and seal their vows

Of the Design and Obligation of Baptism.

IN baptism wash'd we all must be,
 In honour of the sacred Three,
 To show how we are wash'd from sin
 In Jesus' blood, and born again
 By grace divine, and thus are made
 Members of Christ, our common Head.

The Father form'd the glorious scheme,
 And we adopted are by him.

The Son, great prophet, priest, and king,
 Did news of his redemption bring;
 He by his death our life procured,
 And now bestows it as our Lord.
 The holy Spirit witness bore
 To this bless'd Gospel heretofore:
 And teaches those he's purify'd,
 Faithful and patient to abide.

Into these names was I baptized,
 And be the honour justly prized;
 Nor let the sacred bond be broke,
 Nor be my covenant God forsook.
 Thus wash'd, I keep my garments clean,
 And never more return to sin.
 One body now all Christians are;
 O may they in one spirit share!
 And cherish that endearing love,
 In which the saints are blest above!

On the Nature and Design of the Lord's Supper.

THE mem'ry of Christ's death is sweet,
 When saints around his table meet,
 And break the bread, and pour the wine,
 Obedient to his word divine.

As they the bread and cup receive,
 So while on Christ their souls believe,
 They eat his flesh, they drink his blood;
 Cordial divine, and heavenly food!
 Their cov'nant thus with God renew,
 And love to every Christian show.

Well may their souls rejoice and thrive ;
 O may the blessed hour arrive,
 When, ripe in knowledge and in grace,
 I at that board shall find a place !
 And now, what there his people do,
 I would at humble distance view ;
 Would look to Christ with grateful heart,
 And in their pleasure take my part ;
 Resolved while such a sight I see,
 To live to him who died for me.

Of the Nature and Office of Angels.

MY soul, the heavenly world survey,
 The regions of eternal day ;
 There Jesus reigns, and round his seat
 Millions of holy angels meet.

Those moving stars, how bright they shine !
 How sweetly all their voices join
 To praise their Maker, watchful still
 To mark the signals of his will ;
 While with their out-stretch'd wings they stand,
 To fly at his divine command.

All happy as they are and great,
 Yet scorn they not on men to wait :
 And little children in their arms
 They gently bear, secure from harms.
 O may I, with such humble zeal,
 My heavenly Father's word fulfil !
 That I, when time has run its race,
 May with bless'd angels find a place,
 Borne on their friendly wings on high,
 To joys like theirs, which never die.

PRAYERS.

A PRAYER

*Proper to be repeated by a School, either
Morning or Evening.*

O GOD, thou art our God; we will praise thee: Thou art our fathers God, and we will extol thy name. Who is a God like unto thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? The heavens and the earth are the workmanship of thy hands; and thou governest the universe in infinite wisdom.—Thou madest us for thyself, to show forth thy praise. But we are sinners: Thou madest man upright, but he hath sought out many inventions. We acknowledge that we were born in sin, and that in our lives we have wandered far from thy testimonies; for we have indulged evil thoughts, spoken evil words, and too often done such deeds as are evil.—Have mercy upon us, O our God; pardon our iniquities, for the sake of Jesus Christ who died for us, and deliver us from the wrath to come.—Lord, give us a new nature. Let Jesus Christ be formed in our souls the hope of glory.—Lord Jesus thou hast encouraged little children to come unto thee, and hast said, that of such is the kingdom of God.—Lord, we would come unto thee. Take us in the arms of thy love and bless us, even us, and make us faithful subjects of thy kingdom.—O give us grace, we pray thee, to redeem us from all

iniquity, and particularly from the sins and follies to which childhood and youth are subject. Give us a wise and an understanding heart, that we may know and do thy will in all things.—Be thou our Father; teach us and guide us, provide for us and protect us; and as we increase in years, so may we increase in knowledge and in a ready obedience to all thy righteous will. Train us up for usefulness in life: and when we shall have finished our days on earth, may we be prepared for death and received to thyself in glory.—May it please thee to hear our supplication for all mankind; especially for the sick, the sorrowful, and the needy. Grant thy blessings, we pray thee, spiritual and temporal, on our dear parents and other relatives and connexions in life. Bless all schools and seminaries of learning, and may this school be under thy special care and guidance. Assist us in our literary pursuits, dispose our minds to order and good government, and enable us diligently to improve the time and opportunities we enjoy, in such a manner as will hereafter render us useful to ourselves and to society.—Accept our thanks, O our God, for life and health, for food and raiment, for education, and for all the blessings of this life; but more especially for the gift of a Saviour to a ruined world, the means of grace and hopes of glory.—Hear us and accept of us for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Saviour, and thine shall be the praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now and for ever.—*Amen.*

A MORNING PRAYER.

GRACIOUS God, I have been protected from evil through the past night, I have slept in safety under the shadow of thy wings, and been brought in comfortable circumstances to see the light of another day—for these and all thy mercies, I return thee my most sincere and grateful thanks.—Be with me, I beseech thee, through this day, preserve me from harm by thy power, supply my wants by thine abundant fulness, guide me by thy wisdom, and save me from youthful follies, by the influences of thy spirit.—Help me to remember that thine eye is upon me, that thou knowest my thoughts, my words, and actions, and that the day is at hand when I shall be judged before thine awful tribunal. Grant, O Lord, that I may never one moment forget that sin would destroy my peace in this world, would subject me to thy righteous displeasure, and blast all my hopes of everlasting salvation.—All which I humbly pray for, in the name and as a disciple of Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

AN EVENING PRAYER.

MOST adorable and merciful Heavenly Father, I rejoice in thy goodness by which I have been brought in safety to the conclusion of this day.—On thee I ever depend, who art the author of all my mercies. Save me, I entreat thee, from the baseness and the danger of making thee an unworthy return for thy bless-

ings ; If I have taken thy name in vain ; If I have departed from the truth ; If I have been undutiful to my parents ; If I have kept bad company, or transgressed any of thy holy laws, Oh ! forgive me, I beseech thee, and grant that I may do so no more. Help me by thine aid to abstain from sin, to correct my follies, and as I advance in age, to grow in the practice of piety and virtue.—Keep me from evil, O Lord, through the silent watches of the night, favor me with refreshing sleep, and bring me in health and strength to see the light of the following day. Hear my prayers, I beseech thee, through Jesus Christ, and to thy name be everlasting praise.—*Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

O MY God ! I believe in thee.—Do thou strengthen my belief.—I hope in thee :—Do thou confirm my hope.—I love thee—vouchsafe to redouble my love. I am sorry for my

sins. O ! increase my repentance. I adore thee as my first principle ; I desire thee as my last end ;—I thank thee as my perpetual benefactor—I call upon thee as my supreme defender. My God ! be pleased to guide me by thy wisdom ; rule me by thy justice ; comfort me by thy mercy, and preserve me by thy power. To thee I desire to dedicate all my thoughts, words and actions : that henceforth I may speak of thee, act according to thy will, and suffer for thy glory. Lord ! my will is subject to thine, whatever thou willest, because it is thy will. I beseech thee to enlighten my understanding, purify my body, and sanctify my soul. Enable me, O God ! to reform my past offences, to conquer my future temptations, to subdue the passions that are too strong for me, and to practise the virtues that become me. O ! fill my heart with a tender remembrance of thy favors, an aversion of my infirmities, a love for my neighbors, and a contempt for the world. Let me remember also to be submissive and respectful to my superiors, indulgent to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies. Help me, O God ! to overcome pleasure by mortification and self-denial ; covetousness by alms ; anger by a constant exercise of meekness ; and lukewarmness by devotion.—Make me prudent in undertakings, courageous in danger, patient under disappointment, and humble in success. Let me never forget to be fervent in prayer, temperate in enjoyment, and

constant in my resolutions. Inspire me with a desire to have always a quiet conscience, an *outward* as well as *inward* modesty, an edifying conversation, and a regular conduct. Let me always employ myself to resist nature and to cherish grace, to do thy will, and become meet for heaven, through the merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

THE CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father, almighty Maker of heaven and earth : and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried : He descended into hell ; the third day he rose from the dead ; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge both the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church ; the communion of saints ; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body ; and the life everlasting.—*Amen.*







